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Minutes 07/16/2012

TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 16, 2012
7:15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Greeley, Chair, Mr. Dunn, Vice Chair, Mrs. Mahon, Mr. Byrne, and Mr. Curro
 Also Present: Mr. Chapdelaine, Ms. Rice and Mrs. Krepelka

Mr. Greeley asked for a moment of silence for Mildred (Renee) McCaffery a long time Arlington resident and wife of William, a retired Firefighter and mother of John, a present member of the Fire Department.

FOR APPROVAL

1. CONSENT AGENDA (one vote required for approval of all items)
 - a. Minutes of Meetings: June 18, 2012
 - b. REAPPOINTMENTS
 - Board of Library Trustees
 - Heather Calvin
 - (term to expire 6/30/2015)
 - Council on Aging
 - Annette Bender
 - (term to expire 6/30/2015)
 - Human Rights Commission
 - Eileen Caulo
 - (term to expire 6/30/2015)
 - Personnel Board
 - Sheila Rawson
 - (term to expire 6/30/2015)
 - Redevelopment Board
 - Bruce Fitzsimmons
 - (term to expire 6/30/2015)
 - c. Approval: St. Eulalia Parish 5K Road Race, 9/9/12
 - Jim Sauer, Parish Race Coordinator
 - d. Request: Contractor/Drainlayer License
 - Johnston Paving Co., Inc., 50 Union Avenue, Sudbury, MA
 - e. Request: Contractor/Drainlayer License
 - R. Sasso and Sons Construction Inc., 73 Thurlow Avenue, Revere, MA

Mr. Dunn moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)
2. a. National Grid Petition/Brand Street (private way)

Dennis Regan
(all abutters notified)

Mr. Regan requested to withdraw the petition because National Grid will submit revised plans at a later date.
Mrs. Mahon moved no action. SO VOTED (5-0)

b. National Grid Petition/Brewster Road (private way)
Dennis Regan
(all abutters notified)

As Brewster Road is a private way, the Board of Selectmen do not have the authority to grant approval. National Grid must commit to all the requirements that are typical and standard for work within a public right-of-way. In the event that National Grid needs to work on a public way, Town Engineer, Wayne Chouinard, needs to be notified. It should be noted that Frontage Road is a State Highway and any work proposed on Frontage Road needs to be permitted through Mass. DOT.

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of petition.

SO VOTED (5-0)

APPOINTMENTS

3. Appointment: Commission on Disabilities
Molly Flueckiger
(term to expire 6/30/2015)
Mr. Dunn moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

4. Appointments: Council on Aging
Rev. Dr. Richard Phelps
Ingeborg Reichenbach
Mara Klein Collins
(terms to expire 6/30/2015)
Mr. Dunn thanked the appointees for volunteering.
Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

LICENSES & PERMITS

5. Request: Theatre License - Wine & Malt Only
Capitol Theatre, Richard Fraiman, Fraiman Enterprises Inc., 204 Massachusetts Avenue

Mrs. Mahon stated she was opposing the issuing of said license because she feels the Capitol Theatre is not like the Regent and it is not Somerville. She feels that this theatre is the one place where teens and families go and does not see the need for alcohol to be served.

Julia Story, 25 Freeman Street stated that the neighborhood is already a dumping ground for Theatre goes trash and now they are going to add liquor. She does not believe the Town needs to serve liquor at any theatres and she liked it when the Town was "dry".

Maureen Stephens spoke on behalf of her family that lives at the corner of Lake St and Freeman Street. She stated that refrigerated trucks serving the Capitol idle by the curb for long periods making noise, slowing down traffic and also making it difficult to park and pull out of nearby driveways. She stated that her family and neighbors have been affected by the changes made by the Fraiman family. She urged the Board to vote no on issuing this license.

Noreen Conroy, 15 Freeman Street, stated it is a dumping ground for the Capitol Theatre. She is out every morning picking up trash from the night before and stated they take every parking space on Freeman Street.

Mr. Fraiman stated he took exception to the residents' comments.

He also stated that delivery trucks that come to the theatre try to do their best to avoid rush hour and make quick

stops. Most of their deliveries are done in the morning. Mr. Fraiman stated it's not a perfect situation, but if there's anything he can do to be better neighbors, he will do it.

Mr. Byrne urged both sides to speak calmly to each other about any problems.

Mr. Dunn suggested that Mr. Fraiman, his neighbors and the whole Capitol Square district could take this opportunity to talk out issues. He stated that one of Arlington's blessings and challenges is its density. He stated residents are on top of commercial districts and people are stepping on each other's toes.

Mr. Curro stated that problems regarding litter, etc. are not germane to whether the Capital Theatre should receive a liquor license. Mr. Curro is confident the terms of the license will not forgive violations. Mr. Curro stated he shared Mrs. Mahon's concerns, but we had several hearings on the subject. He feels the Board of Selectmen and Board of Health can work together to address the trash problems.

Mr. Greeley stated that the voters approved it last April 10, 2012 and said these licenses should be offered. Mr. Greeley stated any alcohol consumption in Arlington is to be done responsibly and legally and if Mr. Fraiman doesn't do that, he will not have his license for long. Mr. Greeley thanked Mr. Fraiman for his patience and excellent business.

Mr. Dunn moved approval.

SO VOTED (4-1)

Mrs. Mahon voted in the negative.

6. Request: Change of D/B/A (CV /Wine & Malt Licenses) - Buona Vita to Scugnizzi
Giuseppe Guarino, Owner, Lartino LLC, 450 Massachusetts Avenue

Mr. Curro moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

7. Request: Class II - Arlmont Auto Sales
Brian R. Gera, 22 Sunnyside Avenue

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

8. CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

Except in unusual circumstances, any matter (3 minute time limit) presented for consideration of the Board shall neither be acted upon, nor a decision made the night of the presentation in accordance with the policy under which the Open Forum was established.

Mr. Albert Hood, 46 Udine Street, appeared before the Board regarding his observations at the intersection of Wadsworth Road and Dow Avenue. He feels that this intersection requires an increased police presence and stricter traffic law enforcement.

Mr. Greeley thanked Mr. Hood for coming before the Board and stated the Board will forward his concerns to the Police Dept. and the Transportation Advisory Committee for review and recommendations. When said reports are received Mr. Hood will be notified.

Town Manager Chapdelaine was asked to have the Police Department increase police patrol at that intersection.

Mr. Dunn moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

9. Update: Selectmen Awards Committee

John W. Hurd, Committee Chair

The Awards Committee, which includes Jack Hurd, George Laite, Nora Mann,

Bob Tosi and Nick Mitropoulos, will facilitate the nomination process and present

finalists to the Board of Selectmen. The Town Honor Awards is presented to citizens

who have made outstanding contributions to the enrichment and advancement of the Town of Arlington. The public is welcome to participate by submitting

the nomination of individuals that meet the award criteria. Nominations must be received by September 26th.

The Award presentations will be made on Thursday, November 15, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Robbins Memorial Auditorium

10. For Approval: Arlington Public Art, 'Chairful Where You Sit'
Adria Arch

Ms. Arch requested permission to create a pop up art installation right off the bike path at the corner of Lake Street and the Minuteman Trail. She has invited several artists and friends to paint old wooden chairs. Said chairs will be on display from August 6th to August 11th. These chairs will be chained together in the shade and will stay there twenty-four hours per day. Ms. Arch is hoping to increase public awareness of public art and to make people smile.

Ms. Arch is an arts administrator and feels she will make this project something that Arlington will be proud of. Artists will split the sale price of the chair 50/50 with the Spy Pond Mural project or may choose to donate the full sale amount.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

11. Discussion: Alcohol Compliance Report

a) Manna Sushi, 9A Medford Street

The owner of Manna Sushi did not appear before the Board; therefore, the Board postponed taking any action until the next meeting on Monday, August 27th.

b) Sweet Chili, 470-472 Massachusetts Avenue

c) Sabzi, 352A Massachusetts Avenue

d) Kathmandu Spice Restaurant, 166 Massachusetts Avenue

Juliana Rice, Town Counsel

Sweet Chili, Sabzi and Kathmandu Spice Restaurant will have their alcohol licenses suspended for three days in September because employees served beer to underage operatives of the Police Department and failed to ask for identification.

The three restaurants all took full responsibility for their infractions. The restaurants will remain open during the suspensions, but they will not be allowed to serve alcohol.

The Board voted to suspend Sweet Chili, Sabzi and Kathmandu Spice Restaurant for three consecutive days in September, the Town's minimum penalty for the first violation. Sweet Chili's suspension will be Monday through Wednesday. Sabzi's suspension days will be Tuesday through Thursday. The restaurant is closed Mondays. Kathmandu suspension will be Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. They are closed on Tuesdays. The board will issue a written decision with specific dates before Labor Day.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

12. BoS Signatures: Crosby School Purchase/Sale Documents

Vote: Authorize Town Manager to Close Sale

Juliana Rice, Town Counsel

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

13. For Approval: Intermunicipal Agreement with Bedford Re: Regional Energy Manager

Adam W. Chapdelaine, Town Manager

Mr. Chapdelaine updated the Board regarding Arlington's interest in hiring a regional energy manager and also asked the Board's authorization to enter into an inter-municipal agreement (IMA) with the Town of Bedford. These discussions have been facilitated by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council and have involved Arlington and Bedford. Initially, Woburn was part of these discussion, but due to budgetary limitations, they are unable to move forward with any collaboration.

Mr. Chapdelaine submitted a draft of the proposed IMA agreement between Arlington and Bedford. The agreement outlines the obligations that both Arlington and Bedford will commit to as part of this collaboration.

Mr. Chapdelaine feels that this initiative serves to meet both the Board's commitment to energy efficiency as well as its interest in seeking regional collaboration.

Mr. Dunn moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

14. Discussion: Future BoS Meetings

The Board voted the following Selectmen Meetings:

Sept. 10, 2012 - 7:15 p.m.
 Sept. 24, 2012 - 7:15 p.m.

October 15, 2012 - 7:15 p.m.
 October 29, 2012 - 7:15 p.m.

November 5, 2012 - 7:15 p.m.
 November 26, 2012 - 7:15 p.m.

December 3, 2012 - 7:15 p.m.
 December 17, 2012 - 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Correspondence Received

Ed Starr, Vice Chair Opticon Device for Mill St./Mass Ave./Jason St. Signal Be Rec'd
 TAC

James Zigo No Parking Sign From 77-83 Gray Street Be Rec'd
 19 Oak Knoll

Rich Becker Parking and Safety Concerns on Be Rec'd
 51 Lafayette Lafayette Street and Boulevard Road

Jennifer Griffith Blacktop Sealants Containing Coal Tar Be Rec'd
 4 Edith Street

Mr. Greeley thanked Ms. Griffith for bringing her concerns to the Board and making the Board aware of the hazards.
 Mr. Chapdelaine stated the Dept. of Public Works does not use any blacktop sealants containing coal tar. Mr. Dunn suggested that she may want to submit a Warrant Article at the Annual Town Meeting regarding blacktop sealants.

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED (5-0)

New Business

Mr. Chapdelaine reported that Danielle Smith, Arlington Police Department, passed an exam recently to become a Certified Law Enforcement Analyst. By passing the exam she became the 7th certified CLEA in the state and the 38th in the country. The exam tests the analyst on 20 different skill sets including basic information such as Criminal Justice System, Criminology, Research Methods and also on more complicated techniques such as Inferential and Descriptive Statistics, Spatial Analysis and Temporal Analysis.

Mr. Chapdelaine stated as part of Arlington's ongoing effort to improve service delivery to residents, the Town has updated its online GIS mapping service to SimpliCITY Mapping by PeopleGIS. This new mapping service will offer new and improved features including custom map creation, abutters list and quick zooms. The new system is easy to update allowing the Town to provide the public more accurate and timely map information.

Mr. Chapdelaine stated that Arlington was one of three communities to receive a grant to support energy efficiency. Arlington, Medford and Sudbury will each receive \$250,000 through the Department of Energy Resources' 1st Green Communities Competitive Grants Program. Arlington will use \$220,000 from the grant to upgrade the heating and air conditioning system at Arlington High School and the remaining amount will be used for some energy efficiency improvements at other Arlington Schools and the Robbins Library.

Mr. Chapdelaine stated that a postcard is being sent to Arlington residents regarding a meeting to be held at the Town Hall on October 17th. Arlington is creating a master plan and is reaching out to members of the community to help shape goals and policies for the Town's future growth and development.

Mr. Chapdelaine stated that a meeting will be held on Thursday, July 25 th with Laura Weiner, Officer Rateau and a few members of TAC regarding the parking study created at Town Meeting to explore parking in Arlington Center.

Mr. Chapdelaine stated that the Town will be reviewing the Website's current online communication and customer service operations and goals. The focus of the project is updating the Town's current website and e-mail channels with an eye toward possible social media, local Media, mobile devices and other communication/CS channel integration.

Mr. Chapdelaine invited the Board to participate in the 3rd Annual 5K Race, sponsored by the Friends of the Council on Aging, Sept. 9th. He stated that if they signed up for the race and beat him, he will take them out to lunch. He also invited Town employees to participate. If, by luck, no one beats him, he will sponsor a lunch in the Town Hall for everyone who signed up for the race and participated.

Mrs. Mahon asked Mr. Chapdelaine if he would report back to the Board with an update from David Good/Joe Miksis regarding the recent computer crash and if we are going to a different server.

Mrs. Mahon reported that a meeting has been scheduled with Commissioner Lambert, Dept. of Conservation & Recreation for Thursday, July 26th at 10:00 a.m. at the State House. This meeting was arranged by Representative Garballey. The meeting is for the purpose of discussing issues with the Alewife Greenway project and the Sunnyside Avenue, Lafayette St. and. Boulevard Road areas. Representative Garballey, Mr. Chapdelaine, Town Engineer Wayne Chouinard and Mrs. Mahon will be attending.

Mrs. Mahon stated that the Arlington Chairleaders will be assisting the Susan G. Koman 3-Day walk on Saturday, July 27th.

Mrs. Mahon asked Mr. Chapdelaine for an update from the Permanent Town Building Committee if they have any plans for the Stratton School, Ottoson Middle School and Arlington High School.

Mr. Dunn stated we definitely need to talk about a road map as to the Ottoson Middle School, Arlington High School and Minuteman.

Mr. Byrne stated that the Coordinated Finance Stake Holder Group is embarking on recommendations and he is very excited as to what will come from it.

Mr. Curro stated he attended a meeting last Monday, July 9th at Town Hall regarding the Solarize Mass. Program. About 300 local residents and businesses have signed up to receive free solar-power assessments under the State's Solarize Mass. Program. To access information about the Solarize program you can email Ryan Katofsky at arlingtonssolarcoach@gmail.com

Mr. Dunn stated he is talking with other towns regarding the Minuteman School Building. They are looking at alternative funding sources for the building project.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 10:00 p.m.

SO VOTED (5-0)

A true record: Attest

Marie A. Krepelka
Board Administrator

Next Schedule Meeting of BOS August 27, 2012

7/16/12

Agenda
Item

Documents Used

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